

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

### Reassessing spin-coupled (full generalized valence bond) descriptions of ozone using three-center bond indices

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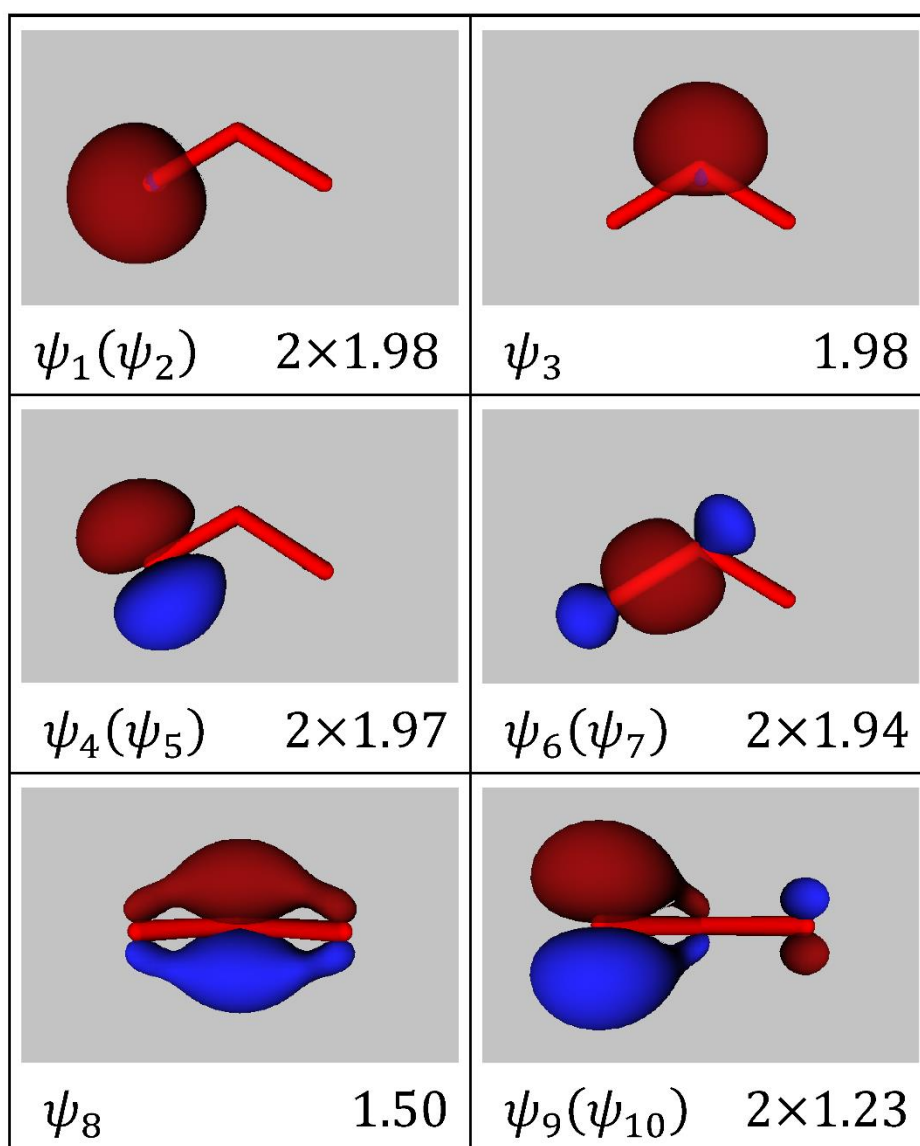
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## S1. Additional results from various CASSCF and icMRCI calculations

**Fig. S1.** icMRCI LNOs and occupation numbers for ozone. Symmetry-related counterparts are identified in parentheses. These icMRCI calculations are based on a CASSCF(18,14) reference, as described in the paper.



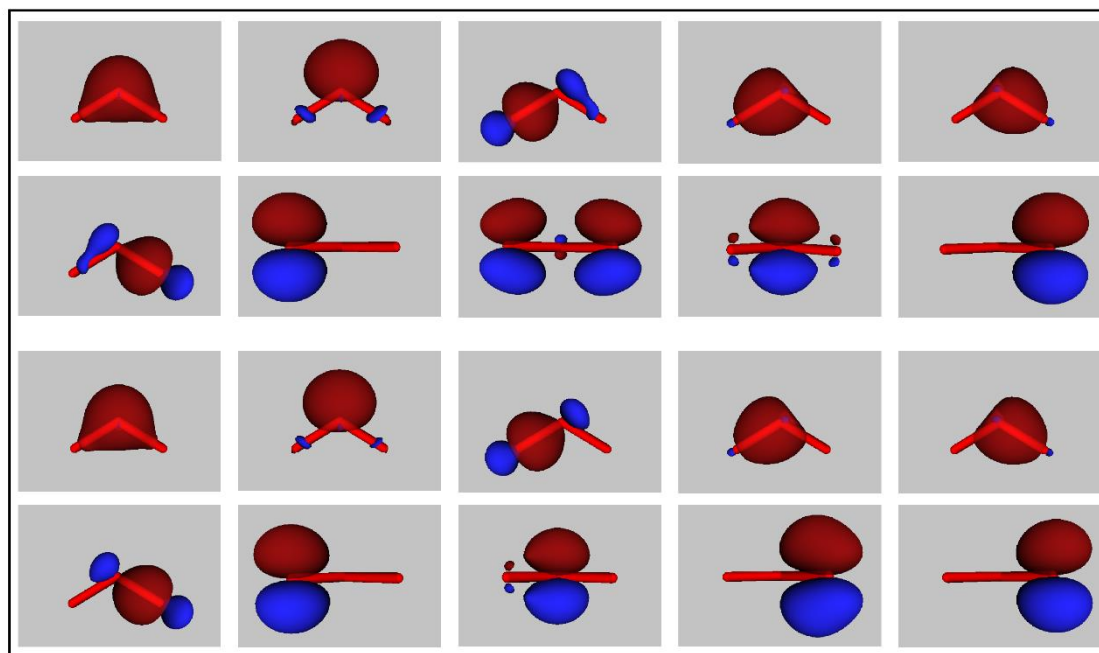
**Table S1**

Two- and three-center bond index values ( $W$  and  $Y$ ), total energies ( $E$ ) and dipole moments ( $\mu$ ) for various CASSCF and icMRCI wavefunctions that are described in the text. These icMRCI calculations are based on a CASSCF(18,12) reference.

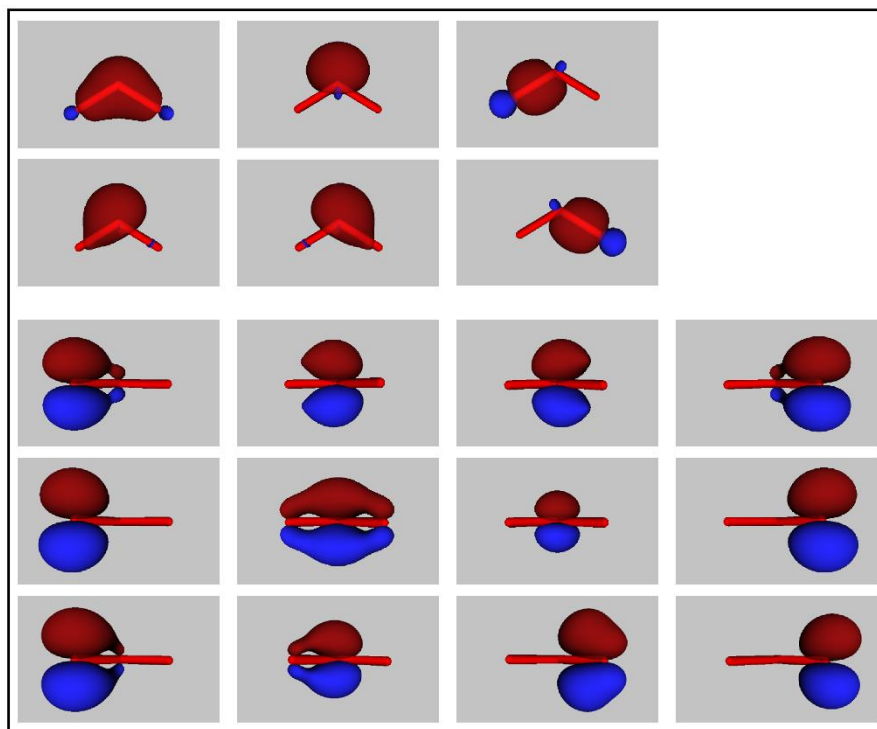
Quantity	CASSCF(4,3)	CASSCF(18,12)	icMRCI
$W_{12}$ $\sigma$ -only		1.077	1.067
$W_{12}$ $\pi$ -only	0.382	0.433	0.422
$W_{12}$		1.510	1.489
$W_{23}$ $\sigma$ -only		0.145	0.146
$W_{23}$ $\pi$ -only	0.188	0.248	0.241
$W_{23}$		0.393	0.388
$Y(\text{O1},\text{O2},\text{O3})$ $\sigma$ -only		-0.028	-0.027
$Y(\text{O1},\text{O2},\text{O3})$ $\pi$ -only	-0.090	-0.154	-0.149
$Y(\text{O1},\text{O2},\text{O3})$		-0.183	-0.175
$E$ / hartree	-224.45379	-224.59583	-225.14213
$\mu$ / debye	0.227	0.556	0.537

## S2. Additional results for combinations of $SC_x(10)$ components

**Fig. S2.** Active orbitals for the fully-optimized  $SC_d(10) \oplus SC_I(10)$  combination:  $SC_d$ -like component, top two rows, and  $SC_I$ -like component, final two rows. Only the symmetry-unique orbitals have been shown in the case of  $SC_I$ .



**Fig. S3.** Active orbitals for a fully-optimized  $SC_c(10) \oplus SC_d(10) \oplus SC_l(10)$  construction: common set of active  $\sigma$  orbitals (top two rows) shown together with the  $\pi$  orbitals for the  $SC_c$ -like component (third row), for the  $SC_d$ -like component (fourth row) and for the  $SC_l$ -like component (final row). Only the symmetry-unique  $\pi$  orbitals have been shown in the case of  $SC_l$ .



### S3. Values of $X(O1,O2,O3)$

**Table S2**

Values of  $X(O1,O2,O3)$ :

- (a) for various CASSCF and icMRCI wavefunctions that are described in the text (*cf.* the values of  $Y(O1,O2,O3)$  in Table 1). These icMRCI calculations are based on a CASSCF(18,14) reference.

Quantity	CAS(4,5)	CASSCF(18,14)	icMRCI
$X(O1,O2,O3)$ $\sigma$ -only		-0.030	-0.027
$X(O1,O2,O3)$ $\pi$ -only	-0.092	-0.146	-0.145
$X(O1,O2,O3)$		-0.176	-0.172

- (b) for the various  $SC_x(10)$  wavefunctions that are described in the text (*cf.* the values of  $Y(O1,O2,O3)$  in Table 2).

Quantity	$SC_c(10)$	$SC_d(10)$	$SC_l(10)$
$X(O1,O2,O3)$ $\pi$ -only	-0.097	-0.083	-0.149

- (c) for various fixed-orbital combinations of  $SC_x(10)$  configurations, as described in the text (*cf.* the values of  $Y(O1,O2,O3)$  in Table 3).

Quantity	$SC_c \oplus SC_d$	$SC_c \oplus SC_l$	$SC_d \oplus SC_l$	$SC_c \oplus SC_d \oplus SC_l$
$X(O1,O2,O3)$ $\pi$ -only	-0.096	-0.156	-0.150	-0.148

- (d) for fully-optimized  $SC_d \oplus SC_l$  and  $SC_c \oplus SC_d \oplus SC_l$  combinations, with the latter based on a common set of active  $\sigma$  orbitals (*cf.* the values of  $Y(O1,O2,O3)$  in Table 4).

Quantity	$SC_d \oplus SC_l$	$SC_c \oplus SC_d \oplus SC_l$
$X(O1,O2,O3)$ $\pi$ -only	-0.117	-0.114

- (e) for various CASSCF and icMRCI wavefunctions that are described in the text (*cf.* the values of  $Y(O1,O2,O3)$  in Table S1). These icMRCI calculations are based on a CASSCF(18,12) reference.

Quantity	CAS(4,3)	CASSCF(18,12)	icMRCI
$X(O1,O2,O3)$ $\sigma$ -only		-0.031	-0.027
$X(O1,O2,O3)$ $\pi$ -only	-0.083	-0.160	-0.152
$X(O1,O2,O3)$		-0.191	-0.179